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OF LIGANDS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This paper is submitted in connection with the above-identified application, which is a U.S. National Stage Application of PCT International Application No. PCT/US99/30900, filed December 23, 1999, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/113,387, filed December 23, 1998, now abandoned. Prior to examination of the application on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the claims and specification:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-41 without prejudice and replace with new claims 42-88 as follows:

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